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ABSTRACT

This paper presents dropout data for Albuquerque public schools in the 1984-85 school year. Following a brief introduction, the report consists of five statistical tables: (1) dropout rate summary; (2) dropout rates by grade level; (3) dropout rates by gender; (4) dropout rates by ethnicity; (5) dropout rates by reason for dropping out. (KH)

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DROPOUT REPORT 1984-5

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INTRODUCTION

At the end of each school year, the New Mexico State Department of Education requires that each diploma-granting high school in the state fill out and submit and High School Dropout Report. The following information is requested by the State Department of Education:

1. The number of high school dropouts at each grade level, categorized by gender, ethnicity, and reason for dropping out.

2. The 180-day membership (Average Daily Membership) at each grade level, categorized by gender and ethnicity.

The State Department of Education provides the following definition of a dropout:

> "A dropout is any student who leaves or is disenrolled from a school without attaining a diploma for any reason except transferring to another educational institution, attendance in a vocational training program, or death."

In the Albuquerque Public Schools, dropout data were collected by the fourteen diploma granting high schools and then submitted to the APS Planning, Research, and Accountability Department (PRA). PRA then cross-checked the data provided against district computerized student records and submitted the final reports to the State Department of Education.

This district report summarizes high school dropout data for the Albuquerque Public Schools and for each of the fourteen high schools. In addition, it synthesizes the data so as to provide dropout statistics by ethnicity, grade level, gender, and reason for dropping out.

Dropout Rate Summary

District and Individual High Schools

Location	Enrollment (180 Day ADM)	Total Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate *
District	20946	980	4.47%
Albuquerque High School	1380	30	2.19%
Cibola High School	1749	55	3.05%
Del Norte High School	2098	125	5.62%
Eldorado High School	2806	109	3.57%
Highland High School	2087	124	5.71%
Manzano High School	2296	71	3.00%
Rio Grande High School	1770	59	3.23%
Sandia High School	2255	80	3.43%
Valley High School	1488	40	2.62%
West Mesa High School	1872	129	6.45%
Evening High School	767	31	3.88%
Freedom High School	186	65	25.90%
New Futures High School	148	58	28.16%
School on Wheels	124	9	6.77%

* The dropout rate is calculated according to the same formula that is used by the New Mexico State Department of Education. Dropout rate = total number of dropouts divided by 180 day Average Daily Membership (ADM) + number of dropouts.

Dropout Rates

District and Individual High Schools

Categorized by Grade Level

Location	9th Grade			10th Grade			11th Grade			12th Grade		
	Number of Dropouts	180 Day ADM	Dropout Rate*	Number of Dropouts	180 Day ADM	Dropout Rate*	Number of Dropouts	180 Day ADM	Dropout Rate*	Number of Dropouts	180 Day ADM	Dropout Rate *
District	157	5618	2.72%	268	5331	4.79%	273	5140	5.01%	282	4857	5.49%
Albuquerque High School	6	421	1.41%	9	356	2.47%	8	294	2.65%	7	269	2.54%
Cibola High School	15	531	2.75%	10	442	2.21%	15	409	3.54%	15	367	3.93%
Del Norte High School	39	520	6.98%	49	552	8.15%	21	527	3.83%	16	499	3.11%
Eldorado High School	12	754	1.57%	33	723	4.37%	29	665	4.18%	30	664	4.32%
Highland High Schol	26	605	4.12%	37	527	6.56%	30	491	5.76%	31	424	6.81%
Manzano High School	1	634	0.16%	11	621	1.74%	24	533	4.31%	35	508	6.45%
Rio Grande High School	6	478	1.24%	9	441	2.00%	22	458	4.62%	22	397	5.25%
Sandia High School	10	569	1.73%	19	594	3.10%	24	560	4.11%	27	532	4.83%
Valley High School	4	435	0.91%	5	346	1.42%	16	416	3.70%	15	291	4.90%
West Mesa High School	27	642	4.09%	38	472	7.45%	34	427	7.38%	30	331	8.31%
Evening High School	0	0	0.00%	25	123	16.89%	0	208	0.00%	6	436	1.36%
Freedom High School	0	4	0.00%	7	39	15.22%	24	84	22.22%	34	59	36.56%
New Futures High School	11	25	30.56%	15	37	28.85%	18	48	27.27%	14	38	26.92%
School on Wheels	0	0	0.00%	1	58	1.69%	8	24	25.00%	0	42	0.00%

* The dropout rate is calculated according to the same formula that is used by the New Mexico State Department of Education. Dropout rate = total number of dropouts divided by 180 day ADM + number of dropouts.

Dropout Rates

District and Individual High Schools

Categorized by Gender

Location	MALE			FEMALE		
	Number of Dropouts	180 Day ADM	Dropout Rate *	Number of Dropouts	180 Day ADM	Dropout Rate *
District	532	10580	4.79%	448	10366	4.14%
Albuquerque High School	19	667	2.77%	11	673	1.61%
Cibola High School	37	902	3.94%	18	847	2.08%
Del Norte High School	65	1014	6.02%	60	1084	5.24%
Eldorado High School	66	1446	4.37%	38	1360	2.72%
Highland High School	67	1193	5.32%	57	982	5.49%
Manzano High School	43	1065	3.88%	28	1103	2.48%
Rio Grande High School	42	919	4.37%	17	851	1.96%
Sandia High School	48	1154	3.99%	32	1101	2.82%
Valley High School	21	776	2.63%	19	712	2.60%
West Mesa High School	80	919	8.01%	49	953	4.89%
Evening High School	16	379	4.05%	15	388	3.72%
Freedom High School	23	94	19.66%	42	92	31.34%
New Futures High School	0	0	0.00%	58	148	28.16%
School on Wheels	5	52	8.77%	4	72	5.26%

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Numbers and Percentages of Dropouts
District and Individual High Schools

Categorized by Ethnicity

Location	Anglo			Hispanic			Native American			Black			Other		
	Number of Dropouts	180 Day ADM	Dropout Rate *	Number of Dropouts	180 Day ADM	Dropout Rate *	Number of Dropouts	180 Day ADM	Dropout Rate *	Number of Dropouts	180 Day ADM	Dropout Rate *	Number of Dropouts	180 Day ADM	Dropout Rate *
District	517	11727	4.22%	398	7599	4.98%	22	609	3.49%	23	650	3.42%	20	361	5.25%
Albuquerque High School	4	292	1.35%	24	825	2.83%	0	61	0.00%	2	108	1.82%	0	50	0.00%
Cibola High School	39	1270	2.98%	13	408	3.09%	0	36	0.00%	1	28	3.45%	2	7	22.22%
Del Norte High School	79	1396	5.36%	38	569	6.26%	6	59	9.23%	2	54	3.57%	0	20	0.00%
Eldorado High School	94	2425	3.73%	9	292	2.99%	0	26	0.00%	1	37	2.63%	0	26	0.00%
Highland High School	73	1275	5.40%	34	484	6.56%	3	82	3.53%	3	103	2.83%	11	101	9.65%
Manzano High School	39	1501	2.53%	28	578	4.62%	0	69	0.00%	1	76	1.30%	3	72	4.00%
Rio Grande High School	15	412	3.51%	40	1197	3.23%	2	101	1.89%	2	48	4.00%	0	9	0.00%
Sandia High School	61	1783	3.31%	16	325	4.69%	1	25	3.85%	2	78	2.50%	0	44	0.00%
Valley High School	10	416	2.35%	30	1009	2.89%	0	43	0.00%	0	11	0.00%	0	9	0.00%
West Mesa High School	33	433	7.08%	89	1284	6.48%	7	69	9.21%	0	78	0.00%	0	8	0.00%
Evening High School	14	361	3.73%	12	381	3.05%	1	5	16.67%	3	15	16.67%	1	5	16.67%
Freedom High School	40	99	28.78%	24	81	22.86%	1	4	20.00%	0	1	0.00%	0	1	0.00%
New Futures High School	16	47	25.40%	16	74	32.73%	0	18	0.00%	6	9	40.00%	0	0	0.00%
School on Wheels	1	17	5.56%	5	92	5.15%	0	8	0.00%	0	4	0.00%	3	3	50.00%

* The dropout rate is calculated according to the same formula that is used by the New Mexico State Department of Education. Dropout rate = total number of dropouts divided by 180 day ADM + number of dropouts.

KEY:
- Anglo - any group or individual of European heritage other than Spanish. This includes British, Irish, Scandinavian, Germanic, French, Italian, Slavic, etc., groups.
- Hispanic - any group or individual of Hispanic heritage. This includes South American, Central American, Spanish, Puerto Rican, and/or Cuban groups.
- Native American - any group or individual of American Indian heritage. This includes Navajo, Apache, or one of the Pueblo groups.
- Black - any group or individual of Negroid heritage.
- Others - this includes Oriental, North African, East Indian, Arab, etc., designations.

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Numbers and Percentages of Dropouts
Categorized by Reason for Dropping Out*

Location	Motivational or Interest Related		Discipline		Did Not Re-enroll		Home Related		Pregnancy or Marriage		Other	
	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Percent**	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Percent**	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Percent**	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Percent**	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Percent**	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Percent**
District	293	29.90%	202	20.61%	165	16.84%	187	19.08%	21	2.14%	112	11.43%
Albuquerque High School	6	20.00%	5	16.67%	2	6.67%	13	43.33%	4	13.33%	0	0.00%
Cibola High School	16	29.09%	2	3.63%	16	29.09%	11	20.00%	1	1.82%	9	16.36%
Del Norte High School	0	0.00%	89	71.20%	0	0.00%	19	15.20%	0	0.00%	17	13.60%
Eldorado High School	31	29.81%	1	.96%	65	62.50%	3	2.88%	0	0.00%	4	3.85%
Highland High School	7	5.69%	32	25.81%	47	37.90%	11	8.87%	2	1.61%	25	20.16%
Manzano High School	62	87.32%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	4	5.63%	4	5.63%	1	1.41%
Rio Grande High School	38	57.63%	1	1.69%	8	11.56%	16	27.12%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Sandia High School	37	46.25%	14	17.50%	5	6.25%	11	13.75%	0	0.00%	11	16.25%
Valley High School	21	52.50%	0	0.00%	10	25.00%	7	17.50%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
West Mesa High School	21	16.28%	58	41.86%	10	7.75%	30	23.26%	0	0.00%	14	10.85%
Evening High School	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	12	38.71%	0	0.00%	19	61.29%
Freedom High School	28	43.08%	1	1.54%	0	0.00%	26	40.00%	4	6.15%	6	9.23%
New Futures High School	28	48.27%	2	3.45%	0	0.00%	24	41.38%	0	0.00%	4	6.90%
School on Wheels	0	0.00%	1	11.11%	2	22.22%	0	0.00%	6	66.67%	0	0.00%

* Reasons defined and categorized by New Mexico State Department of Education:

Motivational or Interest Related -- includes lack of interest, poor achievement, inability to adjust, and similar causes.
Discipline (Expelled or Suspended, Did Not Return) -- is self-explanatory.
Did Not Re-enroll -- those who did not re-enroll for any educational instruction at the beginning of the year.
Home and Related -- covers a wide range of reasons over which the school has, at best, limited control. This would include: employment, parental request, enter military, illness, legal difficulties, runaways.
Pregnancy or Marriage -- is self-defined.
Other or Unknown -- Students who cannot be contacted for their own explanations should be included here. Also included are students who don't fit into other categories.

** Figures in these columns represent the percentages of the total dropouts at each location falling into each category.

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